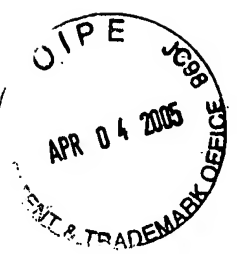


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In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2005, please consider the remarks as
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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 19 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1 to 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent
No. 6,090,736 to Taoda et al.

Applicants submit that Taoda et al do not disclose or render obvious the presently
claimed invention and, accordingly, request withdrawal of this rejection.